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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A charge calculation apparatus comprising:
data processing means for creating and/or editing
data using application software;
- 5 input/output means for inputting or outputting data
using a data input/output device connected to said charge
calculation apparatus or a data input/output device
connected through a network; and
- 10 calculation means for calculating a charge for the
data input/output device, or a charge for the application
software independently of the charge for the data
input/output device.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data
processing means creates and/or edits document data.
- 15 3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said data
input/output device comprises at least one of a printer,
scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and
external storage device.
4. A charge calculation apparatus comprising:
first calculation means for calculating a charge for
a device for inputting or outputting data; and
second calculation means for calculating a charge for
application software used to use the device.
5. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the
25 application software is stored in said charge calculation
apparatus.

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6. The apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

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7. A charge calculation method comprising:
the data processing step of creating and/or editing data using application software;
the input/output step of inputting or outputting data using a data input/output device connected to said charge calculation apparatus or a data input/output device connected through a network; and
the calculation step of calculating a charge for the data input/output device, or a charge for the application software independently of the charge for the data input/output device.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the data processing step comprises creating and/or editing document data.

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9. The method according to claim 7, wherein the data input/output device comprises at least one of a printer, scanner, copying machine, server, facsimile apparatus, and external storage device.

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10. A charge calculation method comprising:
the first calculation step of calculating a charge for a device for inputting or outputting data; and
the second calculation step of calculating a charge for application software used to use the device.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein the

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application software is stored in a computer.

12. The method according to claim 10, wherein the application software is provided through a network.

13. A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

— a code of the data processing step of creating and/or editing data using application software;

10 a code of the input/output step of inputting or outputting data using a data input/output device connected to said charge calculation apparatus or a data input/output device connected through a network; and

15 a code of the calculation step of calculating a charge for the data input/output device, or a charge for the application software independently of the charge for the data input/output device.

14. A computer-readable storage medium which stores program codes of a charge calculation method, comprising:

a code of the first calculation step of calculating a charge for a device for inputting or outputting data; and

20 a code of the second calculation step of calculating a charge for application software used to use the device.